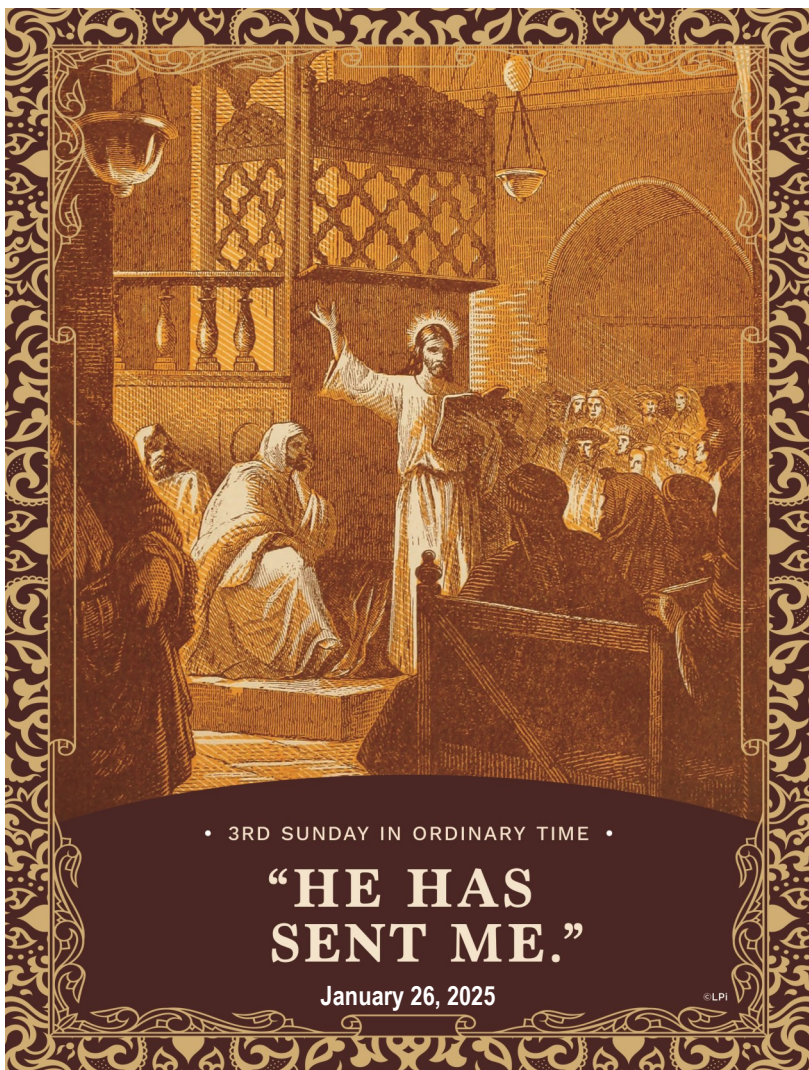


## St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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[www.stnicholaswalnutport.org](http://www.stnicholaswalnutport.org)

**Pastor:** Rev. Adam C. Sedar, M.A., M.Div.  
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**Parish Office and Religious Education:**  
610-767-3107 E-mail: [stnick11@ptd.net](mailto:stnick11@ptd.net)

**Parish Office Hours:**  
Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM

**St. John Newman Regional School: (K-8)**  
610-826-2354

**PREP:**  
Grades K - 8: 2nd Monday of the month  
6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

**BVMSN Credit Union:**  
484-272-2858

**Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator:**  
Pamela Russo, MSW, MA  
Secretary for Youth Protection  
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**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:**  
Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC  
Direct Telephone 800-791-9209

**Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service**  
1-800-276-1562 [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org)

## Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 AM  
Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday: 8:30 AM  
Tuesday: 6:30 PM (Latin Mass)

**Adoration of Most Blessed Sacrament:**  
Wednesday: 9 AM - 6:30 PM  
Benediction: 6:30 PM

**Confessions:**  
Saturday: 3:45 PM - 4:20 PM  
Tuesday: 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM  
(other times by appointment)

## TODAY'S READINGS

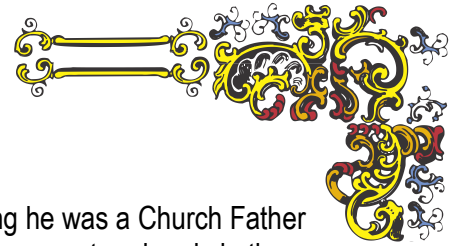
**First Reading** — Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

**Psalm** — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

**Second Reading** — For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

**Gospel** — He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

# A Message from Our Pastor:



Dear Parishioners,

St. Ignatius of Antioch is one of the Apostolic Fathers of the Church, meaning he was a Church Father with a direct connection to the Apostles. He was born in the mid first century and was martyred early in the second century. He was the third bishop of Antioch and was chosen by St. Peter to be a bishop. Antioch was an important city and diocese of the early Church. St. Ignatius was taken prisoner during the Roman Persecutions and was sent to Rome for execution during the reign of the emperor Trajan. On his way to Rome he wrote letters to the Christian communities through which he passed on this journey as a prisoner. His letters offer us many theological and spiritual teachings as well as insights into the life of the Church at the start of the second century. Below is a small excerpt from his letter to the Church at Ephesus. Like all the writings of the Apostolic Fathers, this small passage is full of insights and counsel and well worth our attention today.

Peace- Father Adam

## From a letter to the Ephesians by Saint Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr

Try to gather together more frequently to give thanks to God and to praise Him. For when you come together frequently, Satan's powers are undermined, and the destruction that he threatens is done away with in the unanimity of your faith. Nothing is better than peace, in which all warfare between heaven and earth is brought to an end.

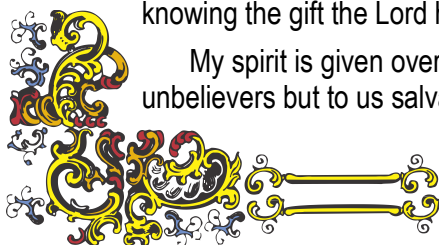
None of this will escape you if you have perfect faith and love toward Jesus Christ. These are the beginning and the end of life: faith the beginning, love the end. When these two are found together, there is God, and everything else concerning right living follows from them. No one professing faith sins: no one possessing love hates. *A tree is known by its fruit.* So those who profess to belong to Christ will be known by what they do. For the work we are about is not a matter of words here and now, but depends on the power of faith and on being found faithful to the end.

It is better to remain silent and to be than talk and not be. Teaching is good if the speaker also acts. Now there was one teacher who *spoke, and it was made*, and even what He did in silence is worthy of the Father. He who has the word of Jesus can truly listen also to His silence, in order to be perfect, that he may act through his speech and be known by his silence. Nothing is hidden from the Lord, but even our secrets are close to him. Let us then do everything in the knowledge that He is dwelling within us that we may be His temples, and He God within us. He is, and will reveal Himself, in our sight, according to the love we bear Him in holiness.

*Make no mistake, my brothers: those who corrupt families will not inherit the kingdom of God.* If those who do these things in accordance with the flesh have died, how much worse will it be if one corrupts through evil doctrine the faith of God for which Jesus Christ was crucified? Such a person, because he is defiled, will depart into the unquenchable fire, as will anyone who listens to him.

For the Lord received anointing on His head in order that He might breathe incorruptibility on the Church. Do not be anointed with the evil odor of the teachings of the prince of this world, that he may not lead you captive away from the life that is set before you. But why is it that we are not all wise when we have received the knowledge of God, which is Jesus Christ? Why do we perish in our stupidity, not knowing the gift the Lord has truly sent us?

My spirit is given over to the humble service of the cross which is a stumbling block to unbelievers but to us salvation and eternal life.







## Mass Intentions:

Sat 1/25	4:30 PM	Susan Johnson (Kate Adams)
Sun 1/26	8:30 AM	Rita Woytko (Mary Woytko & Susanne Amici)
	10:30 AM	Hilda Steirer (Sue Hankee)
Mon 1/27	8:30 AM	Madeline Celentano (The Barankovich Family)
Tues 1/28	6:30 PM	Special Intentions (Cindy Saab)
Wed 1/29	8:30 AM	Ann Kofel (Elaine Jenkins)
Thu 1/30	8:30 AM	POP
Fri 1/31	No Mass	
Sat 2/1	4:30 PM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Mary Louise Trexler)
Sun 2/2	8:30 AM	James Kinane (Ann Marie Kinane & Chris Kinane)
	10:30 AM	Catherine Niedzwiecki (Henry & Nancy Niedzwiecki)

## Observances for the week of Jan. 26, 2025

Sunday:	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
Monday:	St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Tuesday:	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. John Bosco, Priest
Next Sunday:	The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

## Miraculous Medal Novena



The prayers of the Miraculous Medal Novena are prayed publicly in our parish every Wednesday after the evening Benediction at 6:30PM. We offer public praying of the Miraculous Medal Novena as a perpetual novena of prayer as a part of the spiritual life of our parish. Please come and join together each Wednesday as we pray this beautiful prayer as a weekly devotion.

## St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour

Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month  
6-7PM

We come together to pray for those who have fallen away from the Faith!



## Parish Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Holy Rosary:** Saturday & Sunday: 30 minutes before Mass. Monday & Thursday: 9AM. Tuesday: 6PM. Wednesday & Fridays: 3PM (*immediately after the Chaplet of Divine Mercy*).

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** Every Wednesday & Friday at 3PM.



## Eucharist Adoration

Jesus still waits for us in the tabernacle. Please spend time with our Lord, in Eucharistic Adoration.

Eucharistic Adoration is every Wednesday between 8:30AM and 6:30PM.



## Tabernacle Candle Intentions

To reserve one of the Lamps for a weekly intention, donation is \$10.

## Altar Wine and Bread

You are able to reserve in your name the Altar Wine and Bread used throughout the week for all the Masses. Donation is \$20.



## Blessed Mother or St. Joseph Flowers

Each arrangement is a donation of \$35. Stop by or call the parish office.

## Week of January 26 to February 1

*Tabernacle Candles will be lit in Memory of  
St. Nicholas Memorial Society  
Wednesday Adorers*

*Altar Hosts and Wine Offered in Memory of  
St. Nicholas Memorial Society*

## Caring Hands Knit-Crochet Group

We create comforting items to be donated to those in need within our area, such as prayer shawls, lap robes, cancer hats, preemie & newborn hats and blankets...etc.

Join us the second and fourth Friday of each month from 10am-12pm in the social hall. If you are interested or have any questions please contact: Krista Ambrosino @ 484.597.3685



Please call the parish center office at 610-767-3107 if you would like to suggest the name of someone who would benefit from one of our items.

## We Need Your Help!

If you or you know a parishioner that is homebound or is in or going into in a nursing home or personal care facility, please let us know by calling the Parish Office.

## Prayer is Powerful!

Call Dolores 610-767-2013 or e-mail dkine224@gmail.com with your prayer requests or join our Prayer Chain; feel the power and grace of prayer.

We are pleased to announce that our prayer list is now connected with Sacred Heart Church in Palmerton and is on a **Universal Prayer Chain**. This is a HUGE step for us because those on our prayer list will be having prayers said for them all over the world...Praise God!



## If you know of someone in the hospital or homebound

Please call the parish office, 610-767-3107, so someone can visit them.

Please keep in your prayers our Parishioners who are sick, and those who are waiting for or recovering from surgery.

Also, please pray for our military Men and Women and their families; they give so much so we can enjoy our Freedom!

## St. Nicholas Food Pantry Is Open

Collections are on the third weekend of the month. If you know of a family or person that can use a hand at this time, let the parish office know.

## Winter Weather and Wednesday Adoration

In the case of winter storms, if Northampton School district is delayed, Adoration will begin at Noon, if school is canceled, Adoration will also be cancelled for the day. A Flock-note message will also be sent out.

Daily Mass will always be offered at the usual times regardless of weather.



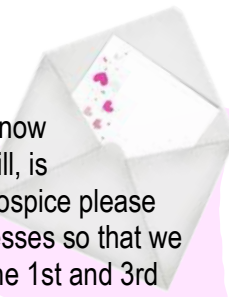
## Ink Cartridges & Redner's Tapes

Save us \$\$\$! Place your used cartridges in the box in the portico and drop Redners Tapes in the box in the portico or in the collection basket. We will turn them in for credit!

## Caring Cardmaking ♥ ♥ ♥

Our card making team at St. Nicks (Caring Cards) is in full swing. If you know of someone who is having surgery, is ill, is homebound or in a nursing home or hospice please contact us with their names and addresses so that we can get a card off to them. We meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month at 10:30 in the social hall.

You can contact Pat Hunsicker at (610) 824-4017 or you can text or call cell phone (484) 464-7265. We don't want to miss anyone so please help if you can. Thank you.



## St. Nicholas Church Soup Sale

Warm up on a cold day with some delicious soup homemade in the St. Nicholas kitchen!

### Friday, February 7

10:00am-1:00pm & 4:00pm-6:00pm

### Pint \$6 / Quart \$11

- \* Broccoli Cheddar
- \* Clam Chowder (white)
- \* Chicken Noodle
- \* Chili (beef w/beans)
- \* Sausage Tortellini
- \* Shrimp Bisque
- \* Split Pea (w/ham and potatoes)
- \* & More!



### Pre-orders due Feb. 2 and are highly recommended.

Email pre-order to [kitchen@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:kitchen@stnicholaswalnutport.org). A confirmation email will be sent once received.

Limited quantities available for walk-ins.



## Sing Unto the Lord

The music ministry of St. Nick's would like to invite those who would like to be a part of enhancing the gospel with song to join one of our various choirs.

Please speak to any of the musicians for information.

"Those who sing pray twice" - St. Augustine

## 2024 Knights of Columbus Donations/Activities

Thank you to all who have supported our local Knights of Columbus (KofC) council, #16656. Many times, during this and other years, you may have heard me or others speak about what the Knights do. Since we are now in a time of tax preparation and other closeout activities for 2024, I felt it appropriate that we give everyone an indication of what our activities provide. So here is a list, which may be incomplete, of the activities we do and the donations we make:

### Activities:

- ◆ Breakfasts – 5 times a year, 2 in the fall and three in the winter/spring averaging 180 to 220 folks served.
- ◆ Pocono race – organize our volunteer effort for the race weekend.
- ◆ Palmerton festival – the Knights procured the material, built the booth platform and power pole, and set it up and removed it from the festival site.
- ◆ Road cleanup – our council partners with the state to clean up trash along a stretch of road. We have been assigned a two mile stretch of Rt. 946, from the Berlinsville light to Timberline Road. We have crews that walk the road and de-trash it twice a year, fall and spring.
- ◆ Assist the kitchen crew with infrastructure projects: troubleshooting the kitchen range, providing electrical outlets for the election day food sale, and the previously mentioned Palmerton festival.
- ◆ Small projects around the church such as putting up table rail in the hall to protect the walls.
- ◆ Baptism sacramentals – given to new parents at Baptisms
- ◆ Greeters – Knights serve as Mass greeters every first weekend of month
- ◆ Other ministries/committees – individual Knights are members of almost all other groups, such as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir, Rosary Leaders, Bible Study, Evangelization, CORE, Maintenance, and others.

**Join us** - Anthony Scarselletti – Grand Knight, Council #16656,

**Thank you** to all who attended our Jan 12 Knights of Columbus breakfast. We served 196 adults; 6 children 6 up; 12 children under 6. The proceeds earned enable us to help fund church projects and our many charities. Our next scheduled breakfast will be Feb 23. If you have previously attended, thank you! If not, please consider doing so in the future!

## Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Our next Bible Study will begin February 27<sup>th</sup> and continue every other Thursday until June 5, 2025. This will be an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this Bible Study will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys ... and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Son, Jesus. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ.

Join us for this 8-week video study program. We will meet every other week from 6:30PM to 8:15PM for an engaging video presentation by Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, call or text Gene Ballas at 610-533-1617 and/or [geneballas@msn.com](mailto:geneballas@msn.com). We hope you will join us!



## Winter Meetings for Page Turners



Page Turners will be meeting during the winter months, January through March in the Social Hall. For more information, please contact:

[community@stnicholaswalnutport.org](mailto:community@stnicholaswalnutport.org).

### KofC Donations:

96 winter coats given to St. John Newman and Northampton SD elementary schools (Coats for Kids)	
Habitat 4 Humanity -	\$500
Special Olympics -	\$500
Cay Galgon Life House -	\$697 (Baby Bottle campaign)
CareNet of Carbon County -	\$697 (Baby Bottle campaign)
Parish -	\$750 (Pocono race)
Parish -	\$2500 (breakfasts)
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala -	\$250
Purse Bingo -	\$100



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you!